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SUSUMU SUGIURA ET AL. ) : Examiner: S.A. Rogers  
Application No.: 08/792,072 ) : TC/Art Unit: 2624  
Filed: February 10, 1997 ) :  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND ) : Technology Center 2600  
APPARATUS FOR COMBINING ) :  
IMAGE INFORMATION AND ) :  
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LETTER SUBMITTING ASSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO REISSUE AND REQUESTING  
WITHDRAWAL OF PREVIOUS REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES

Sir:

As requested by the Examiner in a telephone call on or around July 14, 2003, with Applicants' undersigned representative, submitted herewith is an Assent Of Assignee To Reissue Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.172. The Assent is signed by Nobuyoshi Tanaka, who is empowered to take action on behalf of Canon Kabushiki Kaisha, the assignee of the above-identified application.

In the telephone call, the Examiner also stated that the request for drawing changes submitted on December 2, 1999, to add the label "AMENDED" to certain figures, is not required, because the drawings have not been amended relative to the drawings of the patent corresponding to the present reissue application. (The drawings were previously amended during

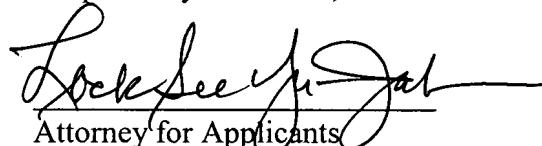
prosecution of the original application from which the patent issued.)

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Request For Approval Of Drawing Changes submitted on December 2, 1999.

In view of the above, an early passage to issue is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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SUSUMU SUGIURA ) Examiner: S.A. Rogers  
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ASSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO REISSUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.172

Sir:

CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA, a corporation and assignee of the entire right, title and interest in United States Letters Patent No. 4,819,063, hereby assents to the above-identified application to reissue such Letters Patent.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign on behalf of CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA.

CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA

Date: OCT. 8.2003

By:

Nobuyoshi Tanaka, Ph.D.

Title: Managing Director

Group Executive

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Legal Headquarters